## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A ~~M~~method for providing service management to network elements of a cellular communication network, said network elements communicating with an Operation and Maintenance Center of said cellular communication network by sending data having a data exchange format, said data ~~exchanged~~exchange format being translated in an Operation and Maintenance Center specific data format at a mediation server, wherein said method comprises ~~the steps of~~:

~~1.~~   identifying at said mediation server a change in said used data exchange format from a first data exchange format to a second data exchange format; and

~~2.~~   dynamically switching from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to said ~~new~~ second identified data exchange format.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The ~~M~~method according to claim 1, wherein ~~it~~said method further comprises ~~the steps of~~:

~~1.~~   representing said second data exchange format as a class in an object oriented programming~~, of said data exchange format being represented by a class~~; and

2.~    dynamically uploading the class using the ~~feature "class dynamic upload" of the~~

Java programming language to switch from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to ~~a new~~

~~identified~~said second data exchange format.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)    ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~it~~ the method

further comprises ~~a step of~~:

    selecting one ~~out~~ of a plurality of mediation servers for handling information from ~~a~~ at

least one of said network elements according to a predefined load balancing policy.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)    The ~~M~~method according to claim 1, wherein said data exchanged

between at least one of said network elements and said Operation and Maintenance Center

~~(?consist?)~~ contains a ~~in~~ new software version download from the Operation and Maintenance

Center to said at least one of said network elements.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)    A ~~M~~mediation server ~~to be~~ used for translating a first data

exchange format used by a network element of a cellular communication network to a second

data exchange format used by an Operation and Maintenance Center~~ specific data format~~;

wherein said mediation server comprises:

    1.~    means for identifying a change ~~in said used~~from said first data exchange format to

said second data exchange format;

~~2.~~       means for dynamically switching from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to said ~~new~~ second identified data exchange format.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The ~~M~~mediation server according to claim 5,~~-~~ wherein said means for dynamically switching from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to said ~~new~~ second identified data exchange format ~~further~~ uses the ~~feature "class dynamic loading" of the~~ Java programming language.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The ~~M~~mediation server according to claim 5, wherein ~~it~~ the mediation server is a software component part of ~~an~~ said Operation and Maintenance Center.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The ~~M~~mediation server according to claim 5, wherein ~~it~~ the mediation server is a software component on a stand alone device connectable to ~~an~~ said Operation and Maintenance Center.